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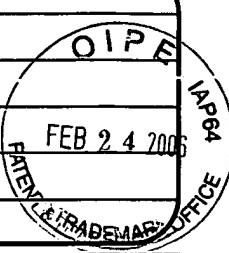
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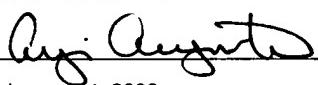
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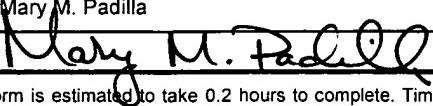
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Cameron:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 1, 2006, which has a shortened statutory period for reply that ends on March 1, 2006. Applicants have amended Amendment to the Specification to include the page number and line number of the proposed amendment. In all other respects, the response is identical to the response filed on December 20, 2005.

The Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of the response.

The Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of the response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of the response.